Statement

Details of the Area regarding Rust Disease in Soyabean Crop in Madhya Pradesh during the year 1997 Kharif & 1998 Kharif

Year 1997 *(Kharif)*

S.No.	Name of Districts	Area sown (HA.)	Area Affected (HA.)	Area Treated (HA.)
01.	Chhindwara	137,900	5,000	3,455
02.	Betul	168,700	11,222	693
03.	Rajnandgaon	51,500	859	614
04.	Ratlam	181,800	740	560
05.	Dewas	226,600	1,084	165
06.	Seoni	95,500	3,857	647
	TOTAL:	862,000	22,762	6,134

Year 1998 *(Kharif)*

01.	Betul	171200	42655	1607
02.	Chhindwara	128000	22897	3281
03.	Durg	25000	625	590
04.	Rajnandgaon	5040	645	348
05.	Seoni	85000	3118	329
	TOTAL:	414240	69940	6155

Irregularities in purchase of computers in ICAR

*168. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether about Rs. 20 crores out of World Bank loan of Rs. 1000 crores to the ICAR was spent on purchase of computers for research work;

(b) if so, when the orders were placed and when the computers were received; and

(c) the reasons for delay in supply of the computers?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a)

Yes, Sir. During the Financial Year 1998-99, computers costing Rs. 12.57 crores were procured.

(b) The orders were placed on 09.02.1999 and the computers were received in Delhi from August 16, 1999 to September 25, 1999.

(c) This is being enquired into.

Division of Jammu and Kashmir

†*169. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Government's reaction to the news-item published in the Punjab Kesri dated 4th June, 2000, under the caption "America ki Jammu Kashmir ko teen tukdon main baatne ki saajish";

(b) whether Government have considered this matter;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to check such conspiracy?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (d) Government have seen the report appearing in the Punjab Kesri of 4th June, 2000.

Government does not react to speculative reports. The State of Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of the Indian Union. A part of the territory of the state is under the illegal and forcible occupation of Pakistan. Government remains firm in its resolve to take all necessary measures to preserve the security and territorial integrity of India.

The international community, including the United States, is aware of Government's position that Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India. The US Government has publicly stated on a number of occasions, including on 7th July, that the US does not seek any mediatory role in the Kashmir issue.

Superior variety of Gram

*170. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the scientists of the Chowdhary

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